

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2021 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

## **Senate Bill 574**

BY SENATOR HAMILTON

[Introduced March 5, 2021; referred  
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §16-3-14, relating to prioritizing county and municipal officials to receive the  
 3 COVID-19 vaccine if they so desire.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 3. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE AND OTHER  
 INFECTIOUS DISEASES.**

**§16-3-14. Priority of COVID-19 vaccination for county and municipal officials; effective  
 date.**

1 (a) Priority of COVID-19 vaccination. - All employees of county or municipal offices in West  
 2 Virginia who desire to have the COVID-19 vaccine shall have priority relating to the COVID-19  
 3 vaccine distribution schedule. The decision to take the vaccine for these employees shall be  
 4 optional at the discretion of the employee, not mandatory.

5 (b) Effective date. – The provisions of this section shall be effective upon passage.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prioritize county and municipal officials to receive the COVID-19 vaccine if they so desire.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.